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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 18,
1974:

QUOTE: Q. HOW DO YOU VIEW THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST? IS THE TENSION VERY HIGH, OR HAS IT BEEN
LOWERED?

A. I THINK BOTH SIDES THAT SEEM TO BE MOST DIRECTLY
INVOLVED -- BOTH SIDES HAVE SPOKEN TO IT PUBLICLY AND HAVE
SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT GOING TO ATTACK. AND I THINK I'LL
JUST LET THE MATTER REST THERE AT THE MOMENT.

Q. IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON STILL IN THE AREA?

A. I BELIEVE HE'S IN THE BUILDING TODAY.

Q. HE'S RETURNED FROM SAUDI ARABIA?

A. YES, SIR. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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